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November 15, 2019

Acting Director Matthew T. Albence
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Department of Homeland Security
500 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20536

Dear Acting Director Albence,

I am writing in regard to the case of Tania Romero, who is the hard-working mother of my constituent, Cristian Padilla Romero, and is currently detained in the Irwin County Detention Center. Ms. Romero is in continued treatment to monitor her health after fighting Stage IV oral cancer, and has not received the care she needs. On September 11, 2019, she missed an oncological appointment. She is also suffering emotionally and mentally from her inability to obtain the medical care.

I am very troubled that she has not received the oncological care she was scheduled to receive, and by the reports of bone bruising following an attempted forcible removal earlier this week. Due to Ms. Romero's poor health that has been exacerbated by her detention, I urge you to grant her parole on the basis of urgent humanitarian reasons under your regulatory authority (8 C.F.R. § 212.5(c)). Treatment for her cancer is urgently needed, and failure to authorize Ms. Romero's parole could be a matter of life and death.

For these reasons, I urge you to grant Ms. Tania Romero parole to ensure she receives the appropriate and necessary medical care for her Stage IV oral cancer. Thank you for your timely consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress